

# The Daily Courant.

Friday, August 31. 1716.

Madrid, August 31.

**T**HE King continues to give Proofs of his Desire to live in strict Friendship and good Understanding with Great-Britain: For which Purpose, having given all the Satisfaction that Court desired in the Affair of the Assiento, his Majesty has only given Order for adjusting without Delay, all Differences that remain in Matters of Commerce between the Subjects of the two Crowns. As during the Administration of Cardinal Giudice, the English suffered by continual Exactions, and could not obtain Satisfaction upon any Complaint how Just soever, there are so many Causes to be examined and decided, that it will take up some Time. In the mean while the Privileges and Rights of the British Consuls, are regulating on the same Foot they were upon in the Reign of King Charles the Second. The French who are here are very much alarmed, at the fixing and sending to the Castle of Segovia within these few Days, two Persons of Distinction of their Nation, one is the Abbot Violette, and the other is M. Montsegure formerly Captain of a Spanish Man of War. 'Tis said they are accused of speaking ill of the Government, and of holding dangerous Correspondence. 'Twas believed the Ambassador of France would have reclaimed them immediately; but he seems to judge it proper to wait for an express Order from his Court about it. We have Advice from Paris, that Orders were dispatched from the said Court, for recalling M. de la Motte, who seems to be preparing for his new Attempt some Days to an Audience; and the Secretary of State has himself, and complained upon him; but the King sent back to him, a Answer, intimating that he commanded that nothing be received. The Answer is given to the Pope

St. Sacrament in America, pursuant to the Treaty made at Utrecht between the two Crowns, meets with great Difficulties. The Proposal made by this Court, to permit the Portuguese to send annually two Ships laden with Goods from Brasil to Buenos Ayres, under certain Restrictions, is not at all liked by the Portuguese; so that 'tis believed this Matter will be left to the Arbitration of the King of Great-Britain, in case the two Crowns cannot agree between themselves. All Preparations are made for the Ceremony of Baptizing the Infantes, which will be performed to Morrow with the utmost Pomp and Magnificence: Besides the Proxies of the Godfathers, all the Grandees of the Kingdom will be present, and it being also the Festival of St. Lewis, the Ambassador of France will give a great Entertainment at his House.

Paris, Sept. 1. The Prince of Conty grows worse, the Small-Pox turning black, which makes the Physicians doubtful of his Life. The Affair of the Pope's Constitution continues to perplex the Court as well as the Clergy: In the Archbishops and Bishops are sent for, to be consulted about it. The Court is much incensed against the Jesuites, and especially against Father le Tellier, who is said to have confessed 3000 Soldiers, and made them promise to bear Arms in Defence of the Constitution. The Jesuites cannot forgive the Cardinal de Noailles, for prohibiting their Order, four Persons only excepted, the Functions of Confessing and teaching throughout the Archbishoprick of Paris, in which are 450 Parishes; and to be revenged of him in some Measure, they have induced the Bishops of their Party, to lay under the like Prohibition the Fathers of the Oratory, who are generally reputed in France to be honest Men as well as Men of the best Sense, but who have always had the Misfortune to be persecuted by the Jesuites, on Pretence that they are no better than Janfenists. M. de Bentenrieder the Imperial Minister, is preparing to leave this Court, being to be relieved very speedily by Count

London, August 21.

Whereas some ill-disposed Person, or Persons, did on Monday Night last, the 27th of August, break into the Chapel of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at Greenwich, and rob the Usher and Altar-Clothes of the Gold Letters and Primitives, and take Surplice out of the Vestry: If any one will discover the Person or Persons concerned in the said Robbery, so that they may be convicted of the same, the Person making such Discovery, shall have Guinea Reward paid by the Steward of the said Hospital.

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